THE

STATUTES

OF

GEORGE HERIOT'S

HOSPITAL.

Honour the Lord with thy Substance, and with the First-Fruits of all thine Increase: So shall thy Barns be filled with Plenty. Prov. iii. 9. 10.

But to do Good, and to communicate, forget not; for with such Sacrifices God is well pleased. Heb. xiii. 16.

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To the Honour of Almighty God, to the Edification of his holy Church, and to the Example of all others.

HERE begin the Statutes and Ordinances of the Hoſpital founded, builded, and erected, upon the only charges of the right worſhipful *George Heriot*, of pious memory, ſometime

burgeſs and goldſmith of the city of Edinburgh, and late jeweller to the two renowned Princes, King James of happy memory, and King Charles now reigning, compiled by Walter Balcanquel Dean of Rocheſter, after conſultation, advice, and mature deliberation, had thereanent with the Provoſt, Bailies, Miniſters, and Council of Edinburgh, conform to the power given to him in the Teſtament of the ſaid umquhile *George Heriot*, and Codicil annexed thereto, and true meaning of the ſame.

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CAP. I.

De Nomine Hoſpitalis.

FIRST, This Foundation and Hoſpital ſhall (for all time to come) perpetually and unchangeably be called by the name of *George Heriot his Hoſpital;* and, in all leaſes let from the ſaid Hoſpital to any tenant, and in all bargains, evidents, writings, or any other writings whatſoever, wherein the Hoſpital is intereſted, it ſhall be called by that name, and none elſe; and ſhall be erected, builded, and finiſhed, with all diligence, in the bounds thereto deſigned by the Provoſt, Bailies, Miniſters, and Council of Edinburgh, with conſent of the ſaid Dean of Rocheſter, contained in the act of coun-

cil made thereanent, of the date the 22d day of June 1627, and that conform to the pattern given by him to them to that effect.

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CAP. II.

De Fundatore Hoſpitalis.

LEST the memory of ſo pious a work ſhould periſh, and for the provocation of others to the like piety, but, above all, for the teſtifying of the thankfulneſs of the poor there to be maintained, unto Almighty God, he who readeth prayers every evening and morning, in the chapel of the Hoſpital, ſhall, amongſt other bleſſings, give thanks unto God, in expreſs words, for the bountiful maintenance which they, living there, receive from the charity of their pious Founder. The like mention ſhall be made in every grace which ſhall be ſaid after meals, but eſpecially upon the firſt

Monday of June, every year, ſhall be kept a ſolemn commemoration and thankſgiving unto God, in this form which followeth. In the morning, about eight of the clock of that day, the Lord Provoſt, all the Miniſters, Magiſtrates, and Ordinary Council of the city of Edinburgh, ſhall aſſemble themſelves in the Committee Chamber of the ſaid Hoſpital; from thence all the ſcholars and officers of the ſaid Hoſpital going before them two by two, they ſhall go, with all the ſolemnity that may be, to the Gray-Friars Church of the ſaid city, where they ſhall hear a ſermon preached by one of the ſaid miniſters, every one yearly in their courſes, according to the antiquity of their miniſtry in the ſaid city. The principal argument of the ſermon ſhall be to theſe purpoſes. To give God thanks for the charitable

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maintenance which the poor maintained in the Hoſpital receive by the bounty of the ſaid Founder, of whom ſhall be made honourable mention: To exhort all men of ability, according to their means, to follow his example: To urge the neceſſity of good works, according to men's power, for the teſtimony of their faith: And to clear the doctrine of our church from all the calumnies of our adverſaries, who give us out to be the impugners of good works. After the ſermon ended, all above named ſhall return to the Hoſpital with the ſame ſolemnity and order they came from it, where ſhall be paid to the Miniſter who preached, to buy him books, by the Treaſurer of the Hoſpital for the time being, out of the Treaſury or Rents of the Hoſpital, the ſum of

CAP. III.

De Gubernatoribus Hoſpitalis.

THE perpetual Governours of the ſaid Hoſpital ſhall be, the Lord Provoſt, Bailies, Miniſters, and ordinary Council of Edinburgh for the time being, and their ſucceſſors, for whoſe proſperity and happineſs, by the name of Governours, the reader of divine ſervice in the chapel, and the ſcholars, in all graces after meals, ſhall pray, in expreſs words. Likeas, the ſaid Hoſpital, and whole eſtate thereof, ſhall be guided and governed by the Provoſt, Bailies, Miniſters, and Council for the time. And, according to the plurality of the voices of the ſaid Provoſt, Bailies, Miniſters, and ordinary

nary Council of the ſaid burgh for the time, the whole eſtate of the ſaid Hoſpital, both for the rents and treaſury, and all things which may depend thereupon; as alſo the election of all officers, ſcholars, and burſars, thereunto any way belonging, ſhall be wholly ordered, governed, and ruled, theſe cautions being provided, which are hereafter, in any part of theſe ſtatutes, mentioned: But no Member of the ſaid Council of Edinburgh, nor any of the ſaid Miniſters, ſhall ever have any voice or intereſt in any buſineſs which may any ways concern the ſaid Hoſpital, either for rents, or elections, or any other thing, until ſuch time as he or they ſhall, in the preſence of the Council and Miniſters of Edinburgh, take a corporal oath, laying his hand upon ſome part of the Holy Goſpel, in theſe words: 'I,

'A. B.

'A. B. do faithfully ſwear and pro-
'miſe before God, that, to the beſt of
'my knowledge and power, I ſhall
'carry and demean myſelf, in all mat-
'ters which concern the rents, the e-
'lection of the officers, or ſcholars, or
'any thing elſe, belonging to George
'Heriot's Hoſpital: And if I know
'any going about, at any time, to de-
'fraud or defeat the intention of the
'ſaid pious Founder, I ſhall reveal it
'to this Aſſembly, or their Succeſſors.
'So help me God, and the contents
'of the Bible.' Before which oath, perſonally taken, no perſon above mentioned ſhall intermeddle with any thing belonging to the ſaid Hoſpital; and if any one ſhall give his voice, before the ſaid oath adminiſtered and taken, all concluſions or elections, reſolved upon at that meeting, ſhall be utterly void, and of no effect, to all purpoſes whatſoever.

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CAP. IV.

De iis, quae generaliter Electiones, et Hoſpitalis Negotia ſpectant.

THERE ſhall be no Election of ſcholars, or any officers any ways belonging to the Hoſpital, nor any tranſaction which concerns any way the eſtate, or any other thing belonging to the Hoſpital, be made or done, but in the Committee-chamber of the ſaid Hoſpital, or in ſome other place within the buildings of the ſaid Hoſpital, whenſoever there ſhall be any election of officers or ſcholars. *Firſt*, The eldeſt Miniſter of the town, then preſent, ſhall diſtinctly read, unto the whole Electors, the enſuing Statute concerning the Election of the ſcho-

ſcholars, or the officer or officers which are to be choſen; after which he ſhall briefly deſire them, in the fear of God, and according to their oath, which they have formerly taken for their fidelity to the Hoſpital, to give their ſuffrages, according to the true meaning and intention of that Statute preſently read unto them, and then immediately, and not before, they ſhall proceed to the Election.

And, becauſe it is fit that the Maſter of the Hoſpital ſhould be well regarded in his place, to breed the greater reſpect unto him in all elections and other buſineſs which any way concern the Hoſpital, he ſhall have a ſingle ſuffrage and voice, as well as any of the reſt of the electors of the ſaid Hoſpital.

The compiler of theſe ſtatutes, Walter Balcanquel Dean of Rocheſter,

ter, during his natural life, ſhall have a ſingle ſuffrage in all elections and buſineſs concerning the Hoſpital, whenſoever he ſhall be in the city of Edinburgh.

It is ordained, that, in all things belonging to the Hoſpital, either elections, rents, or government, or any other thing whatſoever, all theſe, who by the ſtatutes have a voice, ſhall be warned by the officer of the Hoſpital, who ſhall be elected by the Governours to that effect, and they being warned what ſhall, by the manyeſt voices of theſe who compear, be concluded, ſhall ſtand in force and effect.

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CAP. V.

De Electione et Officio Thesaurarii.

UPON the first Monday after the Election of the Magistrates of this burgh yearly, there shall be chosen, by the said Governours and Master of the Hospital, a sufficient able man to be Treasurer of the said Hospital for a year thereafter, whose office shall be, to receive all the Hospital rents; to keep all stock and monies belonging to the Hospital; to pay all wages and allowances due to the officers and scholars, or any other belonging to the Hospital; to look diligently to the reparation of the building of the Hospital; to deliver weekly, to the Master of the Hospital, so much money

money as to provide the diet of the Hoſpital: And every Friday, at night, to take the Maſter and the Caterer's accounts, how they have diſburſed the ſaid monies, whoſe particular accounts he ſhall keep by him on a file, ſubſcribed by the ſaid Maſter and Caterer's hands; and it ſhall be in the ſaid Treaſurer his power, to control or allow of the ſaid accounts; which weekly accounts (both for the diet of the Hoſpital, and all other charges incident to the ſame any way) he ſhall, upon the laſt day of every month, if it be not Sunday, and, in that caſe, upon the next day following, deliver up, to the four Auditors of the Hoſpital, theſe weekly accounts of all charges belonging to the Hoſpital.

He ſhall be elected by the plurality of ſuffrages of the ordinary Council and Miniſters of Edinburgh, the Maſ-

ter of the Hoſpital, and Doctor Balcanquel, if he be there preſent; after which Election, the Clerk ſhall adminiſter to him this oath, in preſence of the Governours, upon ſome part of the Holy Goſpel, viz. 'I, A. B. elect 'Treaſurer of *George Heriot* his Ho-'ſpital, do ſwear and faithfully pro-'miſe, with my beſt ſkill and power, 'to diſcharge all that is required of 'me by the ſtatutes of the ſaid Hoſpi-'tal. So help me God, and by the 'contents of this book.'

He ſhall yearly make his accounts; and, at his removing from his office, ſhall deliver to the ſucceeding Treaſurer all accounts and papers which any way belong to his office, and may give all inſight for the diſcharge of the ſame; which papers ſhall be always kept, and digeſted in good order,

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in the Treaſure-houſe of the ſaid Hoſpital.

If the Treaſurer ſhall die, or, by any neceſſity, be removed, the Governours, within ten days of his death or removal, ſhall proceed to the election of a new one, obſerving, in his election, all things before mentioned.

CAP. VI.

De Electione et Officio Auditorum.

ON the ſame day of the Election of the Treaſurer, there ſhall be choſen yearly, four Auditors of his and all other accounts belonging to the ſaid Hoſpital, viz. one of the Bailies of the ſaid burgh, one of the Miniſters of the ſame, one of the Merchants, and one of the Craftſmen of the Council of the ſaid burgh, who ſhall ilk laſt day of every month, if it be not Sunday, and then the next day following, hear and perfect the Treaſurer his accounts for the month laſt paſt, and ſhall have power to control or allow them; and whatſoever monthly accounts ſhall be perfected,

and

and ſubſcribed by the ſaid hands of the Treaſurer, and any two of the ſaid Auditors, ſhall be taken for a good monthly account, and not otherwiſe; reſerving always, to the whole body of the Governours, that power, to control all the whole accounts which ſhall hereafter be declared.

The day after the end of every three months, or at the fartheſt, within four days after, the ſaid Treaſurer and Auditors ſhall deliver up, unto the whole body of the Governours aſſembled in the Committee-Chamber, their accounts for the three months laſt paſt, fairly written in a book; they ſhall be read publicly, and there either controlled or allowed; the allowance ſhall be under the hand of the regiſter of the Hoſpital, with theſe words, *Ex juſſu Dominorum Gubernatorum Hoſpitalis*; which book of accounts for

three

three months, ſo allowed, for the ſpace of eight days after, ſhall lie open upon the table in the Committee-Chamber, ſo that if any one of the Governours (but none elſe) have a mind to peruſe them, they may; and, if they ſhall find any overſight or fault in them, they are charged, by virtue of their oath of fidelity to the Hoſpital, taken at the firſt, to reveal it to the reſt of the Governours, who ſhall take order to correct and amend it.

The Auditors and Treaſurer, within four days of the laſt month of every year, ſhall deliver up the whole laſt year's accounts to the whole body of the Governours aſſembled in the Committee-Chamber, where they ſhall be allowed or controlled, every way as is expreſſed in the quarterly accounts.

The Election of the Auditors ſhall be by the plurality of ſuffrages, and,

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in all reſpects, as is expreſſed in the Election of the Treaſurer.

After the Election, the Auditors ſhall give their oaths in preſence foreſaid, as is taken by the Treaſurer, *mutatis mutandis*.

The Auditors ſhall be yearly choſen, as the Treaſurer is; and, if any of them ſhall happen to deceaſe, the Governours ſhall proceed to the Election of one in his place, within the time prefixed, in caſe of removal or death of the Treaſurer.

It is to be obſerved, that the monthly, quarterly, and yearly accounts of the Treaſurer and Auditors accounts, ſhall comprehend all manner of layings out for the Hoſpital's diet, wages, clothes, prentice-fees, reparations, and all things elſe: As alſo all manner of comings in, whether rents or ſtock in the Treaſure-houſe; ſo that, upon the

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ſitting of every monthly, quarterly, and yearly accounts, there may clearly appear what rents remain in the Treaſurer his hands, and what ſtock in the Treaſure-houſe; and if, at any time, the charges to be laid out ſhall come to be more than the rents received, becauſe of the late coming in of the rents ſometimes, the Treaſurer ſhall borrow ſo much of the ſtock of the Treaſure-houſe, with the allowance of any two of the Auditors, who ſhall ſee it preſently repaid again to the Treaſure-houſe, upon the coming in of the rents.

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CAP. VII.

De Electione et Officio Regiſtrarii.

THERE ſhall be choſen by plurality of voices, of all of them who have voices in the Election of the Treaſurer, a Regiſter or Clerk of the Hoſpital, who ſhall hold the ſame office during his natural life, unleſs, for his miſdemeanor, he ſhall be removed by them, who, in one of the enſuing ſtatutes, ſhall have power ſo to do. His office ſhall be, fairly and faithfully to keep, order, and digeſt all the evidents, and all other papers whatſoever belonging to the ſaid Hoſpital; as alſo, as Clerk, to ſit with the Governours of the Hoſpital at all their meetings; and there, *in modo et forma*,

forma, to enact all orders and reſolutions made by the ſaid Governours. Likewiſe, he ſhall have the ſole benefit of drawing and engroſſing all manner of evidents, ſecurities, and writings, which are made betwixt the Hoſpital and any party; and ſhall receive, therefore, no greater fee than is uſually paid to other writers to the ſignet, or to the clerk of the town of Edinburgh, in ſuch caſes.

After his Election, and before his admiſſion into the place, he ſhall receive the oath in the ſame form as is before expreſſed in the oath of the Treaſurer, *mutatis mutandis*. Upon his death or removal, the Governours of the Hoſpital ſhall proceed, within ten days, to the Election of a new one, in the ſame forms and manner as is before expreſſed. The Regiſter ſhall have quarterly paid him, by the

Treaſurer

Treaſurer of the Hoſpital, fifty merks Scots. And the ſaid Regiſter ſhall receive, as a fee, from him or them to whoſe uſe any thing is ſealed,

and no more.

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CAP. VIII.

De Sigillo Hoſpitalis.

THERE ſhall be one Common Seal for the ſaid Hoſpital, engraven with this device, *Sigillum Hoſpitalis Georgii Heriot*, about the circle; and, in the middle, the pattern of the Hoſpital. No ſecurity, nor evident, nor deed, ſhall be reputed to be a ſecurity, evident, or deed of the Hoſpital, unleſs it be Sealed and confirmed with the ſaid Seal.

The keeping of the ſaid Seal ſhall be after this manner. It ſhall be kept in a cheſt which ſhall have four ſeveral locks, of four ſeveral works, ſo that one key can open but one lock. On the 24th day of June, in every year,

year, if it be not Sunday, and, in that caſe, the next day following, the Governours of the Hoſpital ſhall cauſe to be delivered, one of the keys of the ſaid cheſt, to the Dean-of-Guild of the ſaid burgh for the time being; at which time alſo, by plurality of voices, they ſhall chooſe three more of their own number, to keep the other three keys; of which, the one ſhall be one of the Miniſters of the town, the other a Merchant of the body of the Council, the third one of the Deacons of the Crafts. Three ſeveral keys ſhall be delivered to them accordingly, but not without this oath firſt adminiſtered unto them by the Clerk, in preſence of the Provoſt, or one of the Bailies of the ſaid burgh, and remanent Governours. 'I, A. B. do faithfully 'ſwear and promiſe, to carry myſelf, 'to my beſt ſkill and power, in the

'keeping of the Seal of *George Heriot* 'his Hoſpital, and that I ſhall never 'ſuffer (ſo far as lieth in my power to 'hinder) the Seal of the ſaid Hoſpital 'to be put to any ſecurity, evident, or 'writing whatſoever, unleſs it be firſt 'ſo decreed and reſolved upon by the 'ſuffrages of the major part of the 'Governours of the ſaid Hoſpital. So 'help me God, and the contents of this Holy Book.' Their office ſhall continue only for one whole year; and this to have beginning ſo ſoon as the Hoſpital ſhall be finiſhed, builded, and perfected.

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CAP. IX.

De Electione Magiſtri.

BECAUSE no body can be well governed without a head, there ſhall be one of good reſpect choſen Maſter of the Hoſpital, who ſhall have power to govern all the ſcholars and officers who live within the ſame. His principal care ſhall be, to ſee that the ſcholars be brought up in the fear of Almighty God; and therefore he ſhall, in the Chapel of the Hoſpital, every Tueſday, Thurſday, and Sunday, ſome part of the afternoon, catechiſe and inſtruct the ſcholars in the common grounds and principles of faith and Chriſtian religion, and ſhall not offer to meddle farther with any

points of Divinity, than the doctrine of the catechiſm; and he ſhall expone no other catechiſm unto them, but ſuch as ſhall either be made, or appointed and approved, by the Miniſters of Edinburgh for the time being. After the end of every catechiſm he ſhall read a prayer, and not conceive one of his own. The prayer ſhall be delivered him by the Miniſters of Edinburgh, in which there ſhall be expreſs thanks unto God for the raiſing up their Founder, and an expreſs petition for the proſperity and happineſs of the Council and Miniſters. *Next*, He ſhall have a ſpecial care that the ſcholars, and inferior officers of the Houſe, be brought up in good manners; and therefore, that, in all caſes of miſdemeanors, as ſwearing, fighting, lying, ſpoiling of their clothes or chambers, or the like, they receive due

due correction and chaſtiſement. *Thirdly*, His care ſhall be, as is above expreſſed, that every week, once, he take the butler's, baker's, brewer's, cook's, and all other officers weekly accounts, and ſhall deliver them to the Treaſurer: And therefore the Governours ſhall have a ſpecial care, that the Maſter to be elected, at all times, have theſe qualities; that he be a man fearing God; of honeſt life and converſation; of ſo much learning as he be fit to teach the catechiſm; a man of that diſcretion, as he may be fit to govern and correct all that live within the Houſe; and a man of that care and providence, that he may be fit to take the accounts of the ſame; a man of that worth and reſpect, as he may be fit to be an aſſeſſor with the Governours, having a ſuffrage given unto him in all buſineſſes concerning the Hoſpital,

Hoſpital, by the Fourth Chapter of theſe Statutes. He ſhall be an unmarried man, otherwiſe let him be altogether uncapable of being Maſter. His election ſhall be by the plurality of ſuffrages of all thoſe who (by the Statutes before mentioned in the Fourth Chapter) have voices in elections. And we charge the conſciences of the Governours, in the Lord, that, in the election of him, all particular and perſonal reſpect laid aſide, they only look unto the fitneſs of the man, and obſerve the true meaning and intention of this Statute.

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CAP. X.

De ſequentibus Electionem Magiſtri.

AFTER his election, and before his admiſſion, the Clerk, in preſence of the Governours there preſent, ſhall require him firſt to take the oath of allegiance; and afterward, the party elected, laying his hand upon ſome part of the Goſpel, ſhall ſwear farther thus: 'I, A. B. elected Maſter of *George Heriot* his Hoſpital, do 'ſwear and faithfully promiſe, before 'God, that, to my beſt power, I ſhall 'diſcharge all which the Statutes of 'the Hoſpital require from me, and 'ſhall do my beſt to ſee all the Sta-'tutes of the ſaid Hoſpital obſerved 'by others, whom they do concern; 'and

'and I do promiſe all faith and obe-
'dience to the Lord Provoſt, Bailies,
'Miniſters, and Council of Edinburgh,
'now preſent, and to their Succeſſors.
'So help me God, and the contents of
'this Holy Book.' After which oath taken, he ſhall have, by ſome of the Governours of the Hoſpital, poſſeſſion of the Maſter's lodgings delivered unto him; and there publicly, in the hall of the ſaid Hoſpital, all the ſcholars, and all officers living in the houſe, ſhall be aſſembled together, and ſome one of the Governours, whom they ſhall think fitteſt, ſhall declare unto them, that this is he whom they have choſen to be Maſter and Governour over them; and therefore do command them to yield unto him all reſpectful obedience, in all things that he ſhall command them, upon pain of being expulſed from the ſaid Hoſpital.

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The Maſter of the Hoſpital, within the precincts of the ſame, ſhall never go without his gown. In the hall he ſhall have his diet, he and the Schoolmaſter, in the upper end, at a little table by themſelves. He ſhall have a care to ſee the Committee-chamber, and garden, with all the walks, kept fair and clean, without ſpoiling: But eſpecially, that the chapel, the hall, and all the office-houſes, be kept ſweet and clean, as likewiſe the ſcholars chambers. He ſhall have given yearly unto him a new gown, and quarterly, for his wages, fifty pounds Scots money.

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CAP. XI.

De Amotione aut Caſtigatione Magiſtri, ubi opus ſit.

IF, at any time, the Maſter ſhall marry, his place, *ipſo facto*, ſhall be void. If, at any time, he ſhall be convicted, before the Governours of the ſaid Hoſpital, as a furnicator, adulterer, drunkard, or notorious ſwearer and blaſphemer, he ſhall, *ipſo facto*, be depoſed. If, at any time, he ſhall be found remiſs or negligent in his place, let him be publicly admoniſhed by the Governours of the Hoſpital; which admonition ſhall be regiſtrate in the Hoſpital-book. If he offend, in the like kind, again, let him receive a ſecond

cond public admonition, which alſo ſhall be regiſtred. After which, if he ſhall offend in the ſame kind the third time, let him receive a third public peremptory admonition, which is likewiſe to be regiſtred. After which three regiſtrate admonitions, if ever he offend again in the premiſſes, let him be irrevocably depoſed by the Governours. In which caſe, they are preſently to proceed to the election of a new Maſter.

If, at any time, the Maſter of the Hoſpital ſhall lie a whole night out of the Hoſpital (except in caſes of violent detention) without leave of the Lord Provoſt of Edinburgh for the time, or, in his abſence, one of the Miniſters of the ſaid burgh, he ſhall receive a public admonition from the Governours, and forfeit a whole quarter's wages;

which, in no caſe, ſhall be pardoned. If he do ſo the ſecond time, he ſhall receive a ſecond public admonition, and forfeit two quarters wages; in no caſe to be remitted to him. After which, if he ſhall offend again, in that kind, the third time, and ſhall be thereof ſufficiently convicted, before the Governours of the Hoſpital, he ſhall be abſolutely depoſed.

Whenſoever the Maſter's place of the Hoſpital ſhall be void, either by death, voluntary ceſſion, deprivation, or any other way, the Governours ſhall, within forty days, elect and admit another into his place, in form and manner above mentioned, elſe it ſhall be abſolutely in the power of the Lord Chancellor of Scotland, for the time being, to nominate, preſent, and admit into the ſaid place whomſoever

ſoever he ſhall pleaſe, being qualified according to the Statute before written, but ſtill to be admoniſhed, mulcted, and depoſed by the electors, according to his offences mentioned in this Statute.

CAP. XII.

De Electione et Officio Didaſcali.

AND becauſe that the ſcholars ſhall be brought up in letters, there ſhall be a Schoolmaſter, whoſe office ſhall be, to teach the ſcholars to read and write Scots diſtinctly, to cypher, and caſt all manner of accounts: As alſo, to teach them the Latin rudiments, but no farther. He ſhall be careful to ſee the ſcholars keep their chambers clean, their clothes handſome; to keep good order in the chapel, and in the hall, and elſewhere. He ſhall correct them for all their faults. For his qualities of life, good report, &c. for the manner of his election, admiſſion, admonition, mulcting,

ing, depoſition, and the election of a new one in his place, it ſhall be in all points obſerved, as is expreſſed in the Statutes which concern the Maſter. He muſt be unmarried. He ſhall yearly have a gown given him, without which he muſt never go within the precincts of the Hoſpital. He ſhall receive quarterly, from the Treaſurer of the Hoſpital, for his ſtipend,

CAP. XIII.

De Electione Diſcipulorum.

THERE ſhall be choſen and admitted into the Hoſpital, at the firſt, ſo many poor ſcholars as the revenue of the Hoſpital ſhall be able to maintain, *deductis deducendis*, who ſhall all be children of burgeſſes and freemen of the ſaid burgh; and, amongſt theſe, the kinſmen of the ſaid umquhile *George Heriot* to be preferred; all others, indifferently, to be admitted, without any reſpect, but according as the plurality of voices ſhall fall. We do charge the conſciences of the electors, in the Lord, that they chooſe no burgeſs's children into theſe places,

places, if their parents be well, and ſufficiently able to maintain them, ſince the intention of the Founder is only to relieve the poor. All theſe ſcholars, when they are admitted, muſt not be under ſeven years of age complete, and they ſhall not ſtay in the Hoſpital after they are of the age of ſixteen years complete; at which time, if it be found by their Maſters, that they are like to prove hopeful ſcholars, the Hoſpital, out of the Treaſure-houſe, ſhall allow them, for the ſpace of four years, to bring them up in the College of Edinburgh, the yearly allowance of

and their Regent ſhall be bound to take nothing for teaching them. If, by their Maſters, they ſhall be thought not fit to be ſcholars, then they ſhall be bound out apprentices to ſome ſuch trade as, by the Governours, ſhall be thought

thought fit, the Treaſure-houſe of the Hoſpital paying for their apprentice-fee and no more; and the Governours taking good ſecurity of their Maſters, for performing of covenants with the apprentices ſo bound. But, after the ſcholars have learned to read and write Scots diſtinctly, and the Latin Rudiments, they ſhall be put out to the free grammar ſchool of Edinburgh, there to be taught, until ſuch time as they be either fit for the college, or to be apprentices; they ſhall all come to, and go from the ſchool together, at all times of the meeting or ſcaling of the grammar ſchool, orderly, and in their gowns. The Maſter of the grammar-ſchool ſhall yearly receive from the Treaſurer of the Hoſpital, for teaching of theſe ſcholars,

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The election of them ſhall be thus. At two times in the year, that is to ſay, upon the ſecond Monday of October, after the election of the Magiſtrates, yearly, and, upon the third Monday of April thereafter enſuing, yearly, the Governours ſhall aſſemble themſelvès in the Committee-houſe, and ſhall there carefully examine, how many places of ſcholars have been voided ſince the laſt ſix months, either by death, putting to the college, being made apprentices, or any other way whatſoever: As alſo, they ſhall examine the revenue and eſtate of the Hoſpital, whether it be able to maintain any more; then, according to the number of the places voided, and according to what they find after both theſe ſearches and examinations, we do charge their conſciences, in the Lord, that they do preſently elect and admit

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ſo many ſcholars, qualified as is before expreſſed ; which ſcholars, beſides their bedding, lodging, waſhing, common-fires, ſhall be allowed, from the Treaſurer of the Hoſpital yearly, for their diet, and for their clothes, The election of them ſhall be by plurality of ſuffrages, as is expreſſed in other elections.

They ſhall be comely and decently apparelled, as becometh, both in their linens and cloths ; and their apparel ſhall be of ſad ruſſet-cloth, doublets, breeches, and ſtockings or hoſe, and gowns of the ſame colour, with black hats and ſtrings, which they ſhall be bound to wear during their abode in the ſaid Hoſpital, and no other.

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CAP. XIV.

De Electione et Officio Promi.

THERE ſhall be choſen a butler, by plurality of voices, to continue in that office during his natural life. He ſhall not marry without the conſent of the Governours aſked and obtained. His care ſhall be, to take charge of all the bread and drink, and laying the table-clothes, at the times of meals, in the hall. He ſhall be, in all things, obedient to the Maſter of the Hoſpital. And if he ſhall be convicted, before the electors, of fornication, adultery, of being a drunkard, a common ſwearer, or of wilful and often diſobedience to the Maſter of the Hoſpital, he ſhall be preſently expul-

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ſed the Hoſpital. For his wages, he ſhall quarterly receive, for himſelf, and for his boy,

The butler ſhall be charged with the keeping of all the ſilver-plate that belongs to the Hoſpital; as alſo with all other ſpoons, ſalts, ſtoups, cups to drink in, and candleſticks, which belong to the hall-ſervice.

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CAP. XV.

De Electione et Officio Coqui.

THERE ſhall be choſen a man, of honeſt and good report, to be cook of the Hoſpital, whoſe election, admiſſion, licence to marry, puniſhment, and expulſion, ſhall be obſerved, in all points, as is expreſſed in the former Chapter, in the caſe of the butler. He ſhall be charged, beſides the clean dreſſing of the Hoſpital's diet, with the keeping of all the utenſils belonging to the kitchen. He ſhall receive, quarterly, wages for himſelf,

for his boy,

He ſhall deliver up his accounts for

bread, drink, candle, and other things belonging to his charge, to the Maſter, ſo often in the week as he ſhall require.

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CAP. XVI.

De Electione et Officio Opſonatoris.

THERE ſhall be choſen a man, of good and honeſt report, to caterer, whoſe office ſhall be, faithfully, and at the beſt rates, to buy good and wholeſome meat for the diet of the Hoſpital; as alſo to deliver up his daily accounts (clean and fairly written) to the Maſter of the Hoſpital, ſo often in the week as he ſhall require them from him. His election, admiſſion, licence to marry, his puniſhment or expulſion, in all points to be obſerved as is expreſſed in the two former Statutes, concerning the butler and cook. He ſhall receive quarterly, for his wages,

CAP. XVII.

De Electione et Officio Janitoris.

THERE ſhall be choſen a man, unmarried, of honeſt report, to be porter of the Hoſpital. He ſhall be a man of good ſtrength, able to keep out all ſturdy beggars, and vagrant perſons. He ſhall lock the gates at all times of prayers and meals; every night he ſhall lock up the gates, and bring the keys of them up to the Maſter, at ſeven of the clock in winter, and at nine in ſummer. He ſhall keep the court very clean; he ſhall ſweep clean the chapel every day, and the hall after every meal; he ſhall ſee the walks kept clean and fair, and make all the public fires in the hall; and

and if, at any time, he diſpoſe himſelf to marry, he ſhall demit his place, or elſe be deprived of the ſame. His election, admiſſion, puniſhment, or expulſion, ſhall be in all points obſerved, as is expreſſed in the Statutes which concern the three former officers. He ſhall have, for his quarterly wages, and every year a gown, which he muſt wear continually at the gate.

Theſe four officers, viz. the butler, cook, caterer, and porter, ſhall have their diet in the hall, immediately after the Maſter has dined, and the ſcholars riſen from the table, with whom likewiſe the Maſter's man ſhall be allowed his diet.

CAP. XVIII.

De Electione et Officio Hortulani.

THERE ſhall be provided for the Hoſpital, a good and ſufficient gardener, whoſe care ſhall be, to look well to the committee-garden, whereof the Maſter is to have the uſe; to the kitchen-garden, and to all the walks and hedges belonging to the Hoſpital. The Governours to elect, place, and diſplace the gardener at their pleaſure. He ſhall receive quarterly, for his wages,

CAP. XIX.

De Electione et Officio Foeminarum.

THERE ſhall be choſen ſix women, of good and honeſt report, unmarried, and who muſt never marry. They ſhall be of the age of forty-five years at the leaſt; their charge ſhall be, diligently to waſh all the linens that belong either in general to the Hoſpital, or, in particular, to any ſcholar; and to make all the ſcholars beds, and ſweep their chambers, and to attend ſuch of them as ſhall be ſick. Their election, admiſſion, puniſhment, or expulſion, is in all points to be obſerved, as, in the caſe of the Hoſpital-butler, is expreſſed in the 14th Chapter. They are to have their

their diet in ſome room by themſelves; they are to be charged with, and anſwerable for all the public linens of the Hoſpital, and the particular linens of the ſcholars. They ſhall receive, quarterly, for their wages, every one of them,

All theſe officers before mentioned, in caſe of miſdemeanor, ſhall be puniſhed by the Maſter of the Hoſpital; and, therefore, there ſhall be a pair of ſtocks placed at the end of the hall in the Hoſpital, in which the Maſter ſhall command to be laid any officer, for any ſuch offence, as, in his diſcretion, ſhall ſeem to deſerve it; and the Maſter likewiſe ſhall have authority to lay, in the ſame ſtocks, any vagrant ſtranger, of mean quality, who, within the precincts or the Hoſpital, ſhall commit any ſuch offence as may deſerve

ſerve it. The officer for executing the Maſter's command, in this point of juſtice, ſhall be the porter of the Hoſpital.

All theſe under officers, viz. caterer, butler, cook, porter, women, and gardener, ſhall find ſufficient ſecurity for their intromiſſions and diſcharge of their duties in their offices.

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CAP. XX.

De Electione et Officio Medici, Pharmacopolae, et Tonsoris seu Chirurgi.

THERE shall be appointed one Doctor of Physic, who, for visiting and looking to all the sick in the Hospital, shall receive, yearly, from the treasurer, One Apothecary, who shall be paid for all his bills of drugs, if they be subscribed with the Doctor of Physic his hand. One Chirurgeon-barber, who shall cut and poll the hair of all the scholars in the Hospital; as also look to the cure of all those within the Hospital, who any way shall stand in need of his art, and shall receive for his wages yearly,

CAP. XXI.

De iis quae generaliter Hoſpitalem ſpectant.

FIRST, for the ſervice of Almighty God, there ſhall be in the Chapel of the Hoſpital, every day, in the morning, betwixt ſeven and eight of the clock, divine ſervice read by the Maſter of the ſchool, in this order. Firſt, Shall be read the ordinary confeſſion of ſins. Next, Some one or more of the Pſalms in proſe. After that, one chapter of the Old Teſtament; and, after that, one of the New Teſtament; both of them, in order, as the Miniſters of Edinburgh ſhall direct. After which ſhall be ſaid the Creed; after that, a prayer ſhall be

be ſaid, in which thanks ſhall be given to God for all his ſpiritual and temporal bleſſings; amongſt his temporal bleſſings, for the preſent maintenance which they receive from God by the hands of their bountiful Founder. Moreover, they ſhall pray for the life and happy reign of our Sovereign Lord the King, the Queen, and all of the Royal Progeny, for the Lords of his moſt honourable Privy Council, and more eſpecially for the Provoſt, Bailies, Miniſters, and Council of Edinburgh, their moſt religious and honoured Governours; beſeeching God to raiſe up unto them ſuch benefactors as may, by the teſtimony of their good works, bear witneſs to the holineſs of our profeſſion and religion. This prayer is not to be conceived by the ſchoolmaſter, but to be read by him every day, as it ſhall be delivered unto him,

him, penned by the Miniſters of Edinburgh.

At every meal, before meat, grace ſhall be ſaid in the midſt of the hall, by one of the ſcholars, and it ſhall be a ſet form of grace, pronounced in the midſt of the hall, after the ſaid ſcholar hath firſt read one of the Pſalms. After dinner, the ſame ſcholar ſhall ſay the grace, giving God thanks, amongſt other things, for their Founder, and praying for their Governours. This grace, likewiſe, is to be in a ſet form, as it is to be delivered unto them by the Miniſters.

Every Sunday, the Maſter, the School-maſter, and all the Scholars, in order, two and two, ſhall go ſolemnly, in order, in their gowns, and all the officers of the Houſe that can be ſpa-

red, going after them, to the Gray-Friar's church, both to the forenoon and afternoon ſermon, and there ſhall ſit in ſuch a place as ſhall be appointed for them; and, in that decent order, return back again from the church to the ſaid Hoſpital. All the ſcholars, in the chapel, hall, church, and all other places whatſoever, ſhall take place according to that rank and order in which they are elected and admitted to be ſcholars of the Hoſpital, and no otherwiſe.

There ſhall ever be kept in the Treaſure-houſe of the Hoſpital ſo great a ſtock of money, as, in all probability, is able to defray the charges of theſe ſcholars who are maintained in the Hoſpital, and pay the apprentice-fees of all ſuch as are to be bound out apprentices; and pay the charges of repa-

reparations, and all other common charges whatſoever belonging to the Hoſpital.

Twice every year, that is to ſay, upon the ſecond Monday of October, after the election of the magiſtrates yearly, and upon the third Monday of April thereafter enſuing, yearly, being ſix months diſtant one from another, the electors ſhall viſit the ſaid Hoſpital, hear and determine all complaints that can be made, either againſt the Maſter, Schoolmaſter, or officers; ſhall reform all abuſes which they find in the ſame; ſee that all parts of the Hoſpital be tight, and in good reparation, and inquire whether the ſcholars diet be good and wholeſome, their clothes honeſt and ſeemly, their beds and chambers ſweet and cleanly, according to the allowances beſtowed up-

on them, and ſet ſtraight all other things which need to be amended.

All the monies which, by debts, rents, or any other way, ſhall belong to the Hoſpital, beſides that which ſhall come in to the ſtock of the Treaſure-houſe ſhall be beſtowed upon land, and no otherwiſe, for all time to come whatſoever.

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CAP. XXII.

De Reſervatis.

THE compiler of theſe Statutes, Doctor Balcanquel, doth reſerve unto himſelf full power for the filling up of all blanks in theſe Statutes, and all the power which he now hath, for the determining of the ſtipends, or wages of all perſons, to whom, by theſe Statutes, wages or ſtipends are to be allowed, until ſuch time as, after the building and erecting of the ſaid Hoſpital, and a perfect examination of the clear probable revenue of the ſaid Hoſpital, after the perfecting and clearing of all manner of accounts and deductions, either in his own preſence, or by the information of the

Lord Provoſt, Bailies, Miniſters, and Council of Edinburgh, it may appear unto him, what wages the revenue of the Hoſpital is able to allow all ſuch, as, by the Statutes before mentioned, are to receive wages and allowances: As alſo, he doth reſerve unto himſelf, all the power which is given unto him, by the laſt will of the pious Founder, or the codicil thereunto annexed, for the ordering and ſettling of the ten burſars places therein mentioned, until ſuch time as the building of the ſaid Hoſpital ſhall be finiſhed.

And if it ſhall pleaſe God, that the ſaid Walter Balcanquel (before the times above mentioned) depart this life, he doth, by theſe preſents, tranſmit the whole power now reſident in him, concerning theſe two points, of determining ſtipends and wages, and ordering

ing and ſettling of the ten burſars, to the Lord Provoſt, Bailies, Miniſters, and Council of Edinburgh, for the time being, whom he doth earneſtly beſeech, in the Lord, to take all faithful and poſſible pains, that theſe two points be conſcionably ſettled, according as they ſhall find the revenue of the Hoſpital will give leave.

To prevent all corruptions in after times, there ſhall never be made, by the Electors, any pre-election of any place whatſoever belonging to the Hoſpital; nor ſhall the pre-election, or election of any officer or ſcholar, before the place unto which he is pre-elected, or elected, be actually void, ſtand good, but it ſhall be void *ipſo facto*. And therefore, before the Hoſpital building be finiſhed, and fit to receive thoſe who are appointed to inhabit

inhabit in it, there ſhall be made no election, nor pre-election of any officer or ſcholar belonging to the Hoſpital, excepting only ſuch as muſt of neceſſity attend the fabric of the ſaid building, or the preſent revenue, monies, or eſtate, preſently belonging or intended for the ſaid Hoſpital; and theſe, after the building is finiſhed, or before, to leave their places, unleſs they be then again, *de novo*, choſen by the Electors; but, after the Houſe is fitted for the receiving of thoſe who are to live in it, then all elections ſhall go as is expreſſed in the Statutes before mentioned.

The compiler of theſe Statutes, Walter Balcanquel Dean of Rocheſter, doth reſerve unto himſelf, during his own natural life, all power for adding unto, or diminiſhing from, or altering of

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theſe preſent Statutes, accordingly as, upon emergent occaſions, he ſhall be thereunto induced by his own conſcience, or conſultations with the Lord Provoſt, Magiſtrates, Miniſtry, and Council of Edinburgh; or by the advice of thoſe who are learned in the laws of the realm of Scotland. Otherwiſe, if, from the ſaid Dean of Rocheſter in his lifetime, theſe Statutes ſhall receive no addition, diminution, nor alteration, then theſe Statutes, being ſubſcribed with his hand, and ſealed with his ſea., at any time before his death, ſhall have the ſtrength, validity, and force, to all purpoſes whatſoever, of the Statutes mentioned in the Will of the Founder, by which, and no otherwiſe, the ſaid Hoſpital ſhall be *perpetually governed, ordered, and directed, for ever hereafter, unto the end of the world.*

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And if there ſhall ariſe any controverſy concerning the interpretation of the ſaid Statutes, or of any part, ſentence, or word in the ſame, it is ordained that thoſe five mentioned in the Founder's Will, viz. the Lord Chancellor, the two Archbiſhops, the Lord Preſident of the College of Juſtice, the Lord Advocate to his Majeſty of this realm of Scotland, for the time being, ſhall have ſole and whole power to interpret the ſame, and to determine all controverſies ariſing about the interpretation of the ſame. So that, whatſoever any three of theſe five met together, and all parties intereſted being convened, ſhall judicially, or extrajudicially, declare, in their conſciences, to come neareſt the true meaning of theſe Statutes, That, and nothing but That, ſhall be taken for the true meaning of the ſame, and,

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in all points, without farther ſcruple, be obſerved and followed.

And, that theſe ſtatutes may never be concealed, there ſhall be one true copy of them for ever kept and regiſtrated in the Books of Seſſion, one in the Regiſter of the Council of Edinburgh, one in the Regiſter-Office of the ſaid Hoſpital, and more in other places needful, if any ſhall be thought upon, that ſo any party intereſted in them may have open and free recourſe unto them.

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CAP. XXIII.

Concluſio.

AND now, finally, I, the unworthy ſervant of God, Walter Balcanquel, the compoſer of theſe Statutes, do onerate and charge the conſciences of you, the Lord Provoſt, the Magiſtrates, the Miniſtry, and Council of the City of Edinburgh, and of all thoſe who ſhall be your Succeſſors, unto the ſecond coming of the Son of God; and that, by the bowels of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who one day will come to judge the quick and the dead, and take a particular account of every one of you for this particular ſtewartſhip wherewith you are truſted; by the zeal and honour of our reformed religion,

religion, which, by this pious work of the Founder, is illuſtrated and vindicated from the calumnies of the adverſaries to our holy profeſſion, by that pious reſpect which you, his fellow citizens, ought to carry to the pious memory, and laſt Will of the religious Founder, your worthy citizen, *George Heriot*. And, laſtly, for the clearing of your own conſciences, and your own particular accounts in that great day of the Lord, let none of you who read theſe preſents, nor your ſucceſſors, who in after ages ſhall come to read them, offer to fruſtrate the pious Founder of his holy intention, either by taking, directly or indirectly, from this Hoſpital, any thing which he, in his piety, hath doted unto it, or by altering of it, or beſtowing it upon any other uſe, though you ſhall conceive it to be far more pious

or profitable ; or to go about to alter any of theſe Statutes and Ordinances, after they ſhall be once delivered up unto you, completely ſubſcribed and ſealed, as you will anſwer the contrary, at the uttermoſt of your perils, in the day of the Lord Jeſus : To whom, (being fully aſſured of your godly care and zealous conſcience in thoſe particulars), with his Father, and the Holy Ghoſt, three Perſons, but one undivided Eſſence of the Godhead, as for all other their bleſſings, ſo in particular for the great charity of this moſt pious and religious Founder, be aſcribed, as is moſt due, all praiſe, hohour, and glory, from age to age. Amen.

EGO

EGO GUALTERUS BALCANQUEL, S. S. Theologiae Doctor, Eccleſiae Cathedralis Roſſenſis Decanus, civis Edinburgenus natus et juratus, pientiſſimi viri Gualteri Balcanquel, civitatis Edinburgenae circiter quadraginta tres annos paſtoris vigilantiſſimi, filius; poteſtate ad id mihi facta et teſtamento et codicillo clariſſimi optimique viri *Georgii Heriot*, gemmarii Regii, trado, clariſſimis, reverendiſſimis, ſpectatiſſimis viris, D. D. Praefecto, Balivis, Paſtoribus, reliquiſque Senatoribus Edinburgenis ordinariis, Statuta haec, viginti tribus capitibus comprehenſa, obſervanda, habendaque in

perpetuum, pro Statutis seu Ordinationibus illis in Testamento et Codicillo *Georgii Heriot* commemoratis; reservatis mihimet semper cunctis et singulis, quae per Statuta haec reservantur. Ita est, singrapha et sigillo meo ratum esse jubeo,

Gualterus Balcanquel.

Edinburgi, 13*th Julii*, anno post incarnatum redemptorem, 1627, annoque regni Domini nostri *Caroli Primi*, tertio. } *Locus Sigilli.*

REGU-

REGULATIONS *with regard to the Treaſurer, approved by Acts of the Council of the Hoſpital, dated 15th October* 1764, *and 19th October* 1772, *and which are, by the ſaid Acts of Council, appointed to be read the firſt Council-day after the Election of the Magiſtrates yearly, and to be printed and publiſhed alongſt with the Statutes of the Hoſpital.*

I. THAT the Committee for auditing the Treaſurer's and all other accounts belonging to the Hoſpital, ſhall be one of the Bailies, one of the Miniſters, and one of the Craftſmen of the Council, as directed by

the Statutes, and the Preſes and Miniſter of the former Committee ſhall be added to the ſaid Committee as conſtituent members of the ordinary Committee, for managing the other buſineſs of the Hoſpital, without prejudice to the Council to add ſuch other members of Council to the Ordinary Committee, as they ſhall think fit.

II. That, before the Election of any Treaſurer, other than the Treaſurer of the preceding year, whoever is propoſed for that office ſhall be named to the Council at a meeting to be held at leaſt five days before the Election; and, at the ſame time, the perſons intended as Cautioners are to be named. It being always underſtood, as it is hereby ſpecially provided, that, in caſe the Treaſurer of the preceding year is re-

re-elected, that he ſhall be obliged to renew his bond of cautionry.

III. That the Treaſurer ſhall find ſufficient caution for the faithful diſcharge of the office, and his Cautioners ſhall be anſwerable to the Council for any balance that ſhall be due by him to the Hoſpital, to the extent of One Thouſand Pounds Sterling.

IV. That, beſides the books already kept, the Treaſurer ſhall keep a Caſh-book, in which he ſhall enter all his receipts and payments; and this Caſh-book, with its proper vouchers, to be examined and audited four times in the year, viz. the 1ſt of April, the firſt of July, the firſt of October, and the firſt of January, and the balance reported to the Council at their firſt meeting after each of theſe quarterly accounts

counts are audited. And it is recommended to the Auditors to obſerve the Statutes with regard to the monthly accounts.

V. That a general clearance is to be made with the Treaſurer annually, on or before the firſt day of February, for the crop then due and payable, and the deburſements of the preceding year, in which he is to ſtate the arrears and balance as they ſtood at laſt counting.

VI. That, if the Treaſurer ſhall not exhibit his accounts, in order to ſuch clearance, it ſhall be conſidered as a forfeiture of his office, and he ſhall at no time thereafter be elected Treaſurer.

VII.

VII. Laſtly, That the Treaſurer ſhall make up the rental of the Hoſpital on or before the month of Auguſt annually, for the year preceding.

Extracted by

(Signed) *Hugh Buchan, Con. Clk.*

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ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS *with regard to the Treaſurer of the Hoſpital.*

At Heriot's Hoſpital, the 8th day of December 1788,

THE which day, the Lord Provoſt, Bailies, Miniſters, and Council of the City of Edinburgh, Feofers in truſt, and Governours of *George Heriot's Hoſpital*, being in Council aſſembled: The Committee *having*, in conſequence of the remit to them, conſidered the Act and Regulations with regard to the Treaſurer of the Hoſpital,

Hoſpital, dated the 15th October 1764 years, are of opinion that theſe Regulations ought to be ſtrictly obſerved; and, in addition thereto, it ſhould be declared that the Treaſurer of the Hoſpital ſhall from time to time lodge in the hands of ſuch bankers as ſhall be named to him by the Council or Committee of the Hoſpital, what money is not neceſſary for the immediate uſe of the Hoſpital, and ſhall at no time have a greater balance in his hands than L. 250 Sterling, under the penalty of forfeiting his office.

The Committee would alſo ſuggeſt to the Council, That, although the Regulations are appointed to be read annually, the firſt Monday of October, after the election of the Magiſtrates, yet this curſory reading may be overlooked,

looked, many of the Council being newly come into office; and, as it is of great conſequence to the Hoſpital that the Regulations be at all times obſerved, it is proper that annually, upon the day above mentioned, when the Regulations are read, the Lord Provoſt, or Preſes for the time, ſhall inquire if theſe Regulations are attended to; and particularly if the Treaſurer has, in terms thereof, brought up his Caſh-book; and if the ſame has been credited as therein directed: And the like inquiry ſhould be made by the Lord Provoſt or Preſes annually, at the meeting of the Council upon the third Monday of April: For which purpoſe, the clerk is to read to the Council this part of the Regulations at that meeting. At both which inquiries, the Treaſurer is to be aſked what

what is his balance at theſe times, and the anſwer he gives ſhall be entered in the Minutes.

That the ſums lodged in bankers hands ſhall be in the name of the Treaſurer and the Preſes of the Committee for the time being, and payable only to their joint order.

Which being conſidered by the Council, they approved of the ſaid Report, and, in terms thereof, enacted, that the Treaſurer of the Hoſpital ſhall in no time hereafter have a greater balance in his hands than L. 250 Sterling, under the penalty of forfeiting his office; and that he ſhall lodge the money in manner mentioned in the ſaid Report. Which act of Council was appointed to be read

twice annually, viz. the first Monday after the election of the Magistrates, and the third Monday of April accordingly.

Extracted by

(Signed) *Hugh Buchan, Con. Clk.*

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